

HONOLULULANS JOYFULLY GREET 1914



Thousands Celebrate Passing of 1913 and Greet New Year With Honolulu Carnival Spirit

"Happy New Year!"
"Konohe fat choy!"

Long before midnight last night these greetings in English and Chinese were being exchanged all over Honolulu and especially among those who took part in the mayor's second annual ball on Bishop Square. Here was assembled a constantly shifting crowd of gay pleasure seekers, thousands of men, women and children of all ages joining the throng which lined the broad sidewalk upon which the couples danced away the old and welcomed the New Year.

Mayor and Mrs. J. J. Fern opened the ball when the Hawaiian band, under the leadership of Captain Berger, struck up a lively two-step, and the mayor, dressed all in white, with Mrs. Fern handsomely gowned in white with a graceful sash in her hair, started up the line from King street and swirled between the crowds, which lined the reserved dancing pavement six deep on each side, almost to Hotel street and back again.

Only in Honolulu of all cities in the world, does the mayor give his annual ball in the open air on the sidewalk, and no reserved list, and last evening, New Year's Eve, the air was as balmy as on the proverbial June evening in the now frozen East. The new moon looked like a bright smile in the sky and all around the thousands of electric lights made the square as bright as though with sunshine.

Like Carnival Scene

Nearly everybody had bags of confetti and ticklers, while a new stunt came into vogue with what might be called horse-tails, a short stick with a bunch of paper ribbons on the end, with which laughing boys and girls swished one another—and most everyone else. Long before midnight Bishop, Hotel, King, Fort and down to Nuuanu streets were covered with confetti.

Captain Berger had no set program, for the Hawaiian band, but starting in with a two-step, then another, he switched to a rag, which His Honor danced with consummate grace, following with a waltz and then tackled a two-step again, to drift into a ragtime gallop, keeping it up in the shape of two-steps and waltzes until midnight, when there was a general shout of "Konohe fat choy," and "Happy New Year," from all assembled.

There is no formality about the mayor's annual ball and everybody enjoys him or herself as best suits the fancy, yet there was very little horseplay last night, but on the contrary, excellent order was maintained from start to finish.

One feature of the evening was the great number of soldiers present, some of whom danced on the sidewalk with women partners, but as a rule they made up sets among themselves and footed it in lively fashion in the street itself.

Now and then parties of maskers from the Elks ball joined the throng on Bishop Square and were the center of attraction and the storm center for confetti throwers. Altogether, from start to finish, it was a jolly affair and one to be remembered by all taking part.

Two Chinese New Years

There is a great division among the Chinese of the city in regard to the celebration of New Years. January 1, 1913, was the first time that any faction of Chinese observed the new year in "honor style," and these were those favoring the Republic, which changed the old order of its calendar, which had prevailed for almost unknown thousands of years, to the Occidental standard.

At midnight last evening thousands of firecrackers were set off in the oriental quarter by the Republicans, but a large contingent of the Chinese community, many of them royalists, will hold their celebration in the old style in February, when the moon is full.

But during the entire evening the Chinese were in evidence on the streets, all the stores on Nuuanu street were open and there were a great many callers throughout the oriental section, while the costumes of the Chinese women and girls at the mayor's ball added in large measure to the picturesqueness of that gay affair.

Japanese Reception

The Japanese community will begin their celebration of the New Year today with an official reception at the Japanese consulate on Nuuanu avenue, where salute will be the hosts at the consular residence from ten to half-past eleven o'clock this morning.

At this reception all will be made welcome and it is especially the time when the Japanese women of the community will don their best obi and kimono and pay their respects to His Imperial Majesty's representative.

Vice-Consul Arita stated yesterday that he is greatly enjoying the Hawaiian climate, especially as it is in such great contrast to that he has just left at Ottawa, Canada, where it was twenty-seven degrees below zero when he was (Continued on page eight.)

SCHMIDT'S SECOND TRIAL BEGINS EARLY THIS MONTH

NEW YORK, January 1.—(By Associated Press Cable.)—Hans Schmidt, charged with murder in the first degree, will have his second trial beginning January 12. The jury in his first trial failed to agree and were discharged last week.

WASHINGTON, January 1.—(By Associated Press Cable.)—Officers at Naval Observatory here made every effort at midnight last night to get into touch by wireless transmission with the Territory of Hawaii.

Up to two o'clock this morning the wireless station at Heia had been unable to pick up the wireless message sent out from Washington.

Sixty-Mile Gale, Landslides, Washouts, Floods Inaugurate New Year On Coast

SAN FRANCISCO, January 1.—(By Associated Press Cable.)—New Year's Eve celebrations were held throughout central and northern sections of California under extremely unusual circumstances yesterday and last evening, the greater part of the State being storm-wrapt and a sixty-mile an hour gale blowing in this city.

Tremendous damage has been caused by the storms and floods, here as well as over most of the State. About 4000 feet of the beach in the vicinity of the celebrated Cliff House here has been washed away.

In the northern section of the State all the rivers are rising to dangerous heights, while landslides and washouts have blocked both the overland traffic and the Oregon railroad lines.

Thousands of men are working like beavers along the banks of the Sacramento and Chico rivers in a desperate effort to build up the levees with sand bags and avert a disastrous flood in the low-lying valley districts.

So far as reported there are no lives lost, but the suffering in various parts of the State, due to the storm and floods, is immense.

EIGHT DEAD, MANY HURT IN AN INCENDIARY FIRE

NEW YORK, December 31.—(By Associated Press Cable.)—Five men and three women are dead and fifteen others are seriously injured as the result of an incendiary tenement house fire in the East Side district.

Heart-rending scenes were witnessed in the huge crowd that assembled while the firemen were fighting the flames. A number of children were endangered but were saved by hard work.

LONDON, December 31.—(By Associated Press Cable.)—Right Hon. James Bryce, former ambassador to the United States, was created a viscount today.

CALIFORNIANS BEAT RECORDS FOR AUTOS

SACRAMENTO, California, January 1.—(By Associated Press Cable.)—Reports filed with the secretary of state and compiled yesterday, show that Californians spent \$46,908,000 for automobiles alone during the past year, thus leading all other States in the amount spent for this class of goods.

TRAIN BANDIT IS SANE

LOS ANGELES, December 31.—(By Associated Press Cable.)—Examination by an alienist today brought a report from the expert that Ralph Fariss, the Southern Pacific train bandit, is sane. He has interposed a plea of insanity to the murder charge against him.

PLOTTERS ARE EXECUTED

TAIKOBU, Formosa, January 1.—(By Associated Press Cable.)—Thirteen Formosans, arrested a month ago and sentenced to death for plotting against the Japanese government in this island, were executed here yesterday.

Gay Masqueraders Threw All Cares Aside and Held High Revel In Honor of New Year

With Royalty in the person of Her Majesty, Queen Liliuokalani, applauding from her box, and the King and Queen of the Revels, Dr. George Herbert and Mrs. Charles Chillingworth, leading the grand march in true regal fashion, the New Year's charity ball was opened last night in the new armory, a social event even more brilliant, more gay and more truly typical of the new spirit of Honolulu than its promoters had dared hope for. From half-past nine on the last day of the dying year until far into this morning of the New Year the great floor of the armory was a swirl of gay colors, with holiday makers in almost every conceivable costume enjoying to the full the air of gay abandon that had the crowd in its grip, ragging, two-stepping and waltzing to the splendid music of the Second Infantry orchestra, gathering in gay and bunting groups and generally enjoying to the limit of decorum the indecorum permitted by masquerade.

The great hall of the new armory proved to be just what Honolulu has needed for some time. Without it no such an affair as was given by the Elks last night could have been attempted. There is no other place in Honolulu with accommodations for one-half of those who gathered without crowding or discomfort under the mighty span of the National Guard building. Repeated attempts at a count were made without success, but it is estimated that no fewer than five hundred masqueraders were on the floor at a time, with plenty of room for each couple, while twice that number of spectators filled the boxes in the overhanging gallery or were seated in the roomy alcoves.

A Splendid Hall

From grand march until the very last the arrangements proved adequate. The hall itself was a revelation to the many who visited it for the first time, and that includes the very great majority. The size of the dancing floor—one hundred feet wide and one hundred and seventy feet long—first called for comment. Then the decorations came in for admiration, from the hundreds of banners that waved from the ceiling, among the yards and yards of white and purple bunting, to the happy groupings of palms and ferns and poinsettias, by the hundreds, along the walls, about the dais of King George and Queen Anne and massed in the center of the floor to form a fern and flower mount, from the crest of which a lordly elk, a beautiful specimen, gazed over the heads of the dancers.

The Royal Box

Her Majesty, Queen Liliuokalani, accompanied by Prince and Princess Kahanaloale, Mr. and Mrs. Dominis and a few personal friends, occupied the center box on the Ewa side of the balcony. The box was draped in the royal colors and suspended from the railing fluttered the personal flag of Her Majesty. The Queen was saluted by many of the dancers, these salutes being graciously returned.

Opposite was the box occupied by Governor Pinkham, who shared with the Queen the attention of the many hundreds present. With the Governor were Dueter and Mrs. Cooper and other friends.

The box circle was crowded and the scene on the dancing floor from the vantage point of the boxes was a most interesting and enjoyable one, justifying the use to which the balcony had been put.

Queen Anne's Court

Queen Anne, who in Mrs. Charles Chillingworth in private life, made a magnificently beautiful queen of the ball. Her splendid figure was draped in royal purple, with a train of gold, bordered with ermine. Her crown and royal chain glittered with gems, among these being some belonging to Queen Liliuokalani and being royal jewels in very truth. Her maids of honor formed a picture of girlish loveliness, including several of the most beautiful of the younger society set. Miss Helen Spalding wore pale green-chaumane, with shadow lace trimming and pink chiffon. Miss Myrtle Schuman's gown was of pink broad-astin, with lace trimming. Miss Ruth Anderson was dainty in blue chiffon and Miss Thelma Murphy had a most becoming costume of emerald green satin, with rhinestone trimmings and chiffon drapery. Miss Pauline Schaefer wore white satin with head trimmings and ermine de chise overskirt. Mrs. Norma Adams had her petite beauty emphasized with a dainty costume of lavender satin, cut en train. It was a beautiful court group that gathered with King George, handsome in red velvet and gold, on the royal dais, the scene being aided by the white and gold costumes of the handsome little pages, Masters J. Broder, Bryant Cooper, B. Campbell and Raymond Scudder.

The court jester, James A. Wilder, in motley and with cap and bells, added noise as well as color to the festive occasion.

The Prize Winners

It was no easy task that was set the judges to decide amid the bewildering many just what costumes were most worthy of attention, but a choice had to be made and, when it was announced, there was a general agreement that the judges had performed a difficult task well. The prizes, which were presented (Continued on page eight.)

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INITIATIVE FAILS FOR AN ANTI-PRIZEFIGHT LAW

SACRAMENTO, January 1.—(By Associated Press Cable.)—The effort under the initiative statute to secure an anti-prize fight law has failed here through a lack of signatures to the petition.